

# 2004 State Legislative Agenda

Title	Section
<b>I. Business Growth &amp; Workforce Development</b>	<b>A. <u>Workforce Development:</u></b> 1. Support legislation that ensures flexibility for the City Council and avoidance of mandates in connection with any State actions to implement federal welfare reform and workforce development.
	<b>B. <u>Aerospace Industry:</u></b> Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for the Aerospace Industry.
	<b>C. <u>Space Technology:</u></b> Support legislation that promotes the development of space oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration.
	<b>D. <u>Enterprise Zones:</u></b> 1. Pursue and support legislation that protects and/or increases the value of State Enterprise Zones, and 2. Support legislation that would extend the life of the State Enterprise Zone.
	<b>E. <u>Economic Development:</u></b> 1. Support efforts to develop and promote policies that help urban areas foster greater economic opportunity. 2. Support efforts to retain, expand, and attract manufacturing, technology and other high value businesses.
	<b>F. <u>Workers Compensation:</u></b> Support efforts to reform workers compensation statutes to simplify the system and reduce costs to employers while ensuring adequate protection for injured workers.
<b>II. Community Safety</b>	<b>A. <u>Public Health:</u></b> 1. Support legislation and grants that provide additional funding for public health programs, services, infrastructure, debt service relief, seismic upgrades, and bioterrorism response enhancements. 2. Support the implementation of a pilot needle exchange program for the prevention of the spread of HIV disease and the provision of swift treatment to individuals impacted by HIV.
	<b>B. <u>Public Safety &amp; Crime Prevention:</u></b> 1. Support legislative efforts to improve local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services and disaster preparedness initiatives. 2. Support legislation and pursue grants to fund new apparatuses, technology and equipment, improve existing apparatuses, technology and equipment, and replace obsolete apparatuses, technology and equipment for Police and Fire. 3. Support legislation and pursue grants that would provide funding for maintenance and construction of public safety facilities. 4. Support legislation that reduces the percentage required for passage of public safety bonds to the same percentage as school bonds (55%) 5. Support legislation that provides immunity to public safety personnel who have been trained and assigned to take emergency calls from the public. 6. Support legislation that seeks to reimburse the City for overtime costs paid to public safety personnel who are required to appear in State and/or County courts. 7. Support legislative efforts outlawing the manufacture, sale and possession of .50 caliber handguns. 8. Support legislation to make state law enforcement grant funding less restrictive and allow more discretionary uses of funds for support staff within the jail, communications and records divisions. 9. Support legislation that enhances the ability of local public safety units to respond to, prevent, and prepare for terrorist threats. 10. Support legislation to strengthen penalties for those using motor vehicles to evade peace officers. 11. Support legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.

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<b>III. Environmental</b>	A. <b><u>Air Quality:</u></b> Support legislation that improves the quality of air in the City of Long Beach by reducing particulate matter.
	B. <b><u>Water Quality:</u></b> Support efforts to improve clean-up and capital improvements for beaches, rivers, and waterways that affect the City and impaired water bodies within the City.
	C. <b><u>Naples Sea Walls:</u></b> Support legislation that will enable needed maintenance and improvements to the Naples Sea Wall System, with the most minimal cost to the City.
	D. <b><u>Beach Erosion:</u></b> Support legislation and pursue funding to protect our beaches from erosion.
	E. <b><u>SERRF:</u></b> Support legislation that protects the City's ability to efficiently operate SERRF.
	F. <b><u>Alternative Fuel/Energy:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation and grants that encourage the use of clean burning alternative fuels for vehicles and that provide incentives and rewards for cities with innovative alternative fuel programs.</li> <li>2. Support efforts that promote the use of solar/alternative energy within city facilities and promote solar energy solution programs for residents.</li> </ol>
	G. <b><u>Department of Boating and Waterways (DBAW):</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advocate for the protection of the proper use of funds from DBAW for recreational uses.</li> <li>2. Oppose the use of these funds for unrelated purposes.</li> </ol>
	H. <b><u>Oil Properties:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Seek funding for existing infrastructure maintenance, repair and improvement.</li> </ol>
<b>IV. Neighborhood Development</b>	A. <b><u>Library Construction &amp; Development:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation and grant programs that provide increased funding for library construction, renovation and development.</li> <li>2. Support full funding of the Public Library Fund.</li> </ol>
	B. <b><u>Arts:</u></b> Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming.
	C. <b><u>Homeless Assistance:</u></b> Support legislation to reduce homelessness, including housing assistance and case management service funding, including those related to mental health.
	D. <b><u>Parks, Recreation, and Marine:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation and grants to fund parks, recreation, and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents.</li> <li>2. Pursue the allocation of Proposition 40, and 50 funds for local parks and recreation projects.</li> </ol>
	E. <b><u>Senior Services:</u></b> Support legislation, which provides funding for enhanced services such as facilities, social services, mental health services health care, supportive care, recreational programs and transportation to address the diverse needs of Long Beach's senior community.
	F. <b><u>Drug and Alcohol Recovery Facilities:</u></b> Support legislation which provides more local government control on the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities.

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<b>V. Transportation</b>	A. <b><u>I-710 Freeway:</u></b> Pursue funding to improve, beautify, maintain, and increase the safety of the I-710 Freeway, which serves as a vital thoroughfare for residents, businesses and commerce.
	B. <b><u>Improve Freight Movement:</u></b> Support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for the Alameda Corridor, including enhanced connections for trucks to Alameda Street and the development of shuttle rail for local container movements.
	C. <b><u>Advocate for continued Prop 42 Funding:</u></b> Advocate for long-term preservation of Prop. 42 funding to cities and counties for local roads, and the repayment of previous loans and suspensions.
	D. <b><u>Transportation Funding:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support efforts to increase funding for transportation programs and projects within the City.</li> <li>2. Pursue funding for studies related to the extension of the Terminal Island Freeway.</li> <li>3. Support efforts to increase funding for system preservation and relax funding requirements that prohibit the use of existing transportation funding for rehabilitation, resurfacing, and reconstruction of local streets.</li> <li>4. Support efforts to secure the maximum amount of state funding for the construction and maintenance of local roads, infrastructure, transportation projects, and major corridors.</li> </ol>
<b>VI. Youth &amp; Education</b>	A. <b><u>Gang Intervention:</u></b> Support legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's successful gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.
	B. <b><u>Youth Services:</u></b> Support legislation and seek grants that enhance the capacity and quality of services provided to children, parents, and families, including early childhood education, after school and weekend programs, and youth employment programs.
	C. <b><u>Child Care and Development:</u></b> Support legislation that will provide for increasing the supply of affordable, high quality early childcare and education services to meet the needs of children and their families.
	D. <b><u>Aquatic Education:</u></b> Support legislation that will enhance Long Beach's ability to provide maximum educational opportunities regarding aquatic life, facilities, and recreation.
	E. <b><u>CalOSHA:</u></b> Support legislation that would ensure new safety regulations be made available for review and comment by employers prior to implementation.
<b>VII. Housing</b>	A. <b><u>Housing:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support the implementation of Proposition 46 and other efforts to maximize funding and funding flexibility for the development of affordable housing within the City.</li> <li>2. Support efforts to enhance access, accommodations, and visitability in dwellings and businesses for all of Long Beach's residents.</li> <li>3. Support efforts to ensure the fair allocation of tax credits for the Southern California region and prioritize local control over allocation of affordable housing tax credits.</li> <li>4. Support legislation and grants that promote the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City.</li> </ol>

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<b>VIII. Additional Issues of State Legislative Importance</b>	<p>A. <b><u>City Revenues:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Oppose legislation that would reduce City revenues.</li> <li>2. Support efforts to protect Vehicle License Fee (VLF) revenues currently allocated to cities. Vigorously oppose any effort to reduce the current allocation returned to cities.</li> <li>3. Support legislation that would favorably address the State/local government fiscal relationship, including the capping and or return of ERAF dollars to cities.</li> <li>4. Support League of California Cities sponsored initiative to protect city revenues from future seizure by the state for programs that would otherwise be funded by state agencies or the state general fund.</li> <li>5. Support efforts to protect City revenue sources from diversion by the State Legislature and the Governor.</li> <li>6. Oppose legislation that would reduce the City's autonomy and flexibility in dealing with the financing of public services.</li> </ol>
	<p>B. <b><u>Contractor/Consultant Liability:</u></b> Oppose legislation that shifts financial liabilities from contractors and/or consultants to the City.</p>
	<p>C. <b><u>Preemption of Local Authority:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Oppose legislation that preempts the current authority possessed by the City and delegates that authority to the State or other government jurisdiction.</li> <li>2. Support legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs.</li> </ol>
	<p>D. <b><u>Sales Tax:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation that would result in a more equitable distribution of sales taxes to the City.</li> <li>2. Support efforts to exempt cities from paying State sales tax.</li> <li>3. Support legislation that would result in an equitable distribution of taxes generated through Internet sales.</li> </ol>
	<p>G. <b><u>Telecommunications:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use.</li> <li>4. Support legislative efforts to ensure local taxation authority of products purchased through the Internet.</li> <li>5. Support legislation that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries.</li> <li>4. Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives.</li> </ol>
	<p>H. <b><u>Unfunded Mandates:</u></b> Oppose legislation that would place a mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the mandated program.</p>
	<p>I. <b><u>Water Department:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advocate for fair and equitable treatment of Long Beach in the MWD restructuring proposal.</li> <li>2. Support efforts to enhance, and oppose legislative efforts to reduce or restrict, City representation on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.</li> <li>3. Support legislation and grants to replace obsolete technology and equipment, improve existing technology and equipment and fund technology and equipment for the Long Beach Water Department, including ocean desalination, expanded use of reclaimed water, and other Long Beach Water Department projects.</li> <li>4. Oppose legislation that would shift the cost of a project to Long Beach water rate payers from those enjoying the benefits of the project or program.</li> </ol>
	<p>J. <b><u>Business Licenses:</u></b> Oppose legislation that compromises the City's ability to impose and/or collect appropriate business license fees from Long Beach businesses.</p>

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	<p>H. <b><u>Municipal Elections:</u></b> Support efforts that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections.</p>
	<p>I. <b><u>Stormwater:</u></b> Oppose legislation that increases NPDES Permit Fees and/or tries to remove Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) language from MS4 permits.</p>
	<p>J. <b><u>Planning:</u></b> Support efforts to reform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.</p>
	<p>K. <b><u>Fireworks Ban:</u></b> Support legislative efforts to ban the sale and use of fireworks in the State of California, with the exception of professional demonstrations.</p>